Town Deal Board and Crawley Economic Recovery Taskforce (CERT) Wednesday, 2nd March 2022

Meeting Notes

<u>ITEM</u>

<u>ACTION</u>

1. Welcome

Chris Maidment (CM) welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome extended to Helen Dhoot, Deputy Director of London & South East (DLUHC/BEIS).

Apologies received from: Steve Burston, Henry Smith MP, Adam Joolia, Ana Christie, Vicki Illingworth, Paul McConnalogue, Alison Barratt, Mel Munro, Paul Scrivens, Neil Cooper, Richard Lennard, Nick Burrell, Louise Blackwell and Steve Turner.

The minutes of the previous meeting (19^{th} January 2022) were accepted, noting the following:

Water Neutrality Clem

 chair for the Green Investment Sub-Group. If anyone is interested in taking up the role, please contact <u>nigel.tidy@crawley.gov.uk</u> to find out more. 3. Crawley Towns Fund - Crawley Innovation Centre CS updated the Town Deal Board, as follows: Since the last Town Deal Board meeting, Crawley BC Cabinet and Full Council have given their approval for Towns Funding to be allocated to the Innovation Centre project. Crawley BC has successfully completed the acquisition of commercial space in Crawley Business Quarter, Manor Royal - further information will be 	ALL
business cases will be submitted to DLUHC by 23 rd March 2022. CM expressed thanks to all contributors and welcomed the diversity of the projects being taken forward.	
The Town Deal Board endorsed these four business cases to be developed further, prior to consideration by Crawley BC Cabinet on 16 th March 2022. Subject to Cabinet approval, the project summary documents for these	
1C Crawley Green Infrastructure/Business Grants - CS and SS presented a <u>summary of the business case</u> for the Green Infrastructure/Business Grants project and highlighted the following: £2m Towns Fund investment delivered through two pillars Pillar 1 will deliver grants to green tech small businesses and micro- enterprises led by Crawley BC Pillar 2 will deliver green infrastructure to existing premises in Manor Royal under a Local Energy Community (LEC) arrangement led by the Re- Energise Manor Royal Steering Group.	
NT highlighted that each business case is required to demonstrate benefit: cost ratio (BCR) and that this project scored particularly well in terms of land value uplift (6.7) alone, without the other additional positive benefits around social and environmental and economic impact.	
4B Manor Royal Business Environment Improvements - Steve Sawyer (SS) reported that the draft business case has been refined by consultants (Deyton Bell) and this will be shared with the Manor Royal Investment Sub-Group for approval. SS emphasised the importance and value of these new public spaces to local businesses. With four micro-parks already complete, the project team is working on the next phase of delivery.	
Daran Bennett (DB) expressed support for the d encouraged joined-up thinking to ensure that existing community groups are included.	
Steve Sawyer (SS) welcomed the presentation and referred to match funding from the Arts Council which will help to deliver a longer term, sustainable approach and develop a new reputation for the town in terms of arts and culture.	
provide site concept designs to visualise supporting amenities. Project recognises that High Streets are changing rapidly and fast becoming centres for dynamic activities/experiences. Project to be led by Crawley BC; delivery from 2022 onwards.	

Claire Mulholland (CMu) congratulated CS on the swift turnaround of the Innovation Centre business case and confirmed receipt of the summary documents. CMu is pressing for a quick response in order for the funding to be released and thanked CS, CM and the Local Enterprise Partnership for their work on this to date.